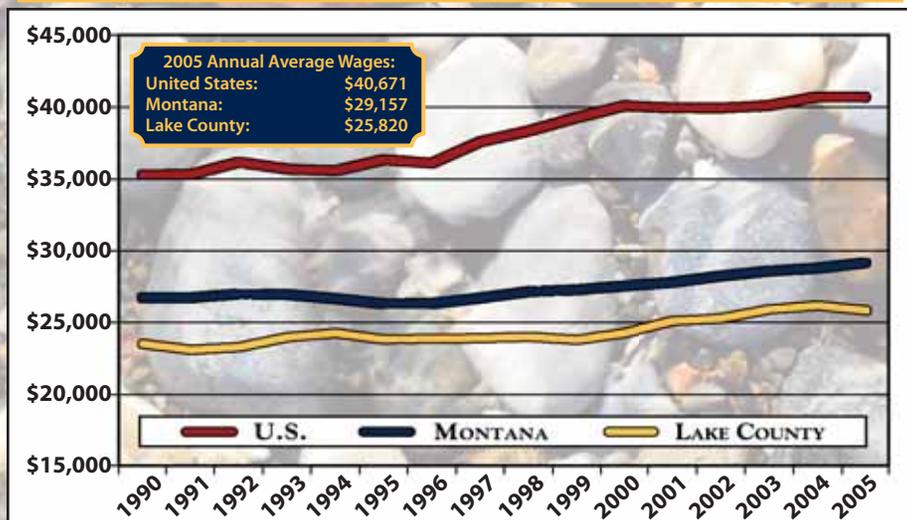


Annual Average Labor Force - Lake County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2005	11,732	11,113	619	5.3%
2004	11,706	11,053	653	5.6%
2003	11,510	10,844	666	5.8%
2002	11,554	10,785	769	6.7%
2001	11,677	10,841	836	7.2%
2000	12,321	11,650	671	5.4%

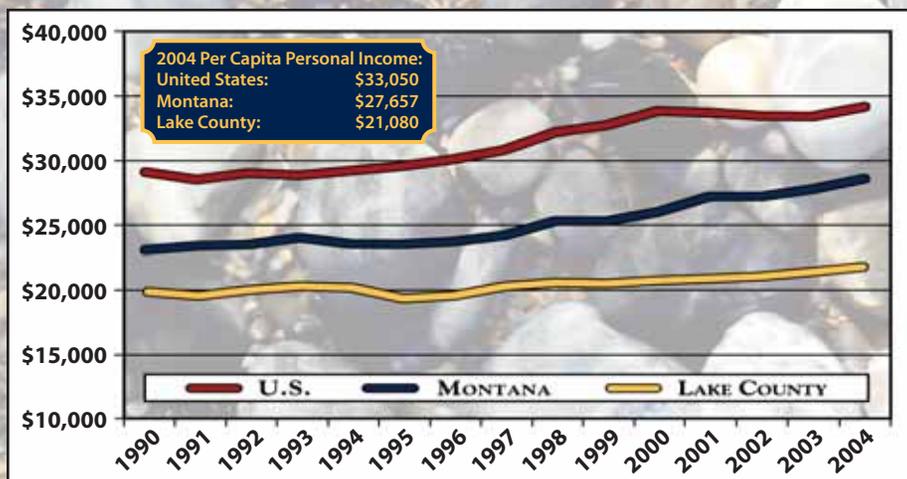
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2004 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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Demographic & Economic Information for Lake County

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LAKE COUNTY

Lake County is Montana's ninth most populous county, with an estimated 28,279 residents in 2005. Polson, the county seat, is the state's 16th largest city, with a population estimated at 4,828 in 2005.¹ Other cities and towns in Lake County include: Arlee, Big Arm, Charlo, Dayton, Dixon, Elmo, Pablo, Ravalli, Ronan, St. Ignatius, and Swan Lake.

The vast majority of Lake County resides within the Flathead Indian Reservation, home of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT). The CSKT Tribal Complex, The People's Center, and Salish-Kootenai College are all located in Pablo, MT, which serves as headquarters for the tribes.

Lake County is named for Flathead Lake, the majority of which is bordered by the county. Lake County also features the National Bison Range, St. Ignatius Mission, the Mission Mountain Range, and part of the vast Bob Marshall Wilderness.

Public Administration is the number one industry subsector in Lake County, employing 1,363 people in 2005. Other significant subsectors include Retail Trade (with 1,206 employees), Educational Services (1,138), and Health Care & Social Assistance (1,035). In 2005, the fastest growing subsectors of Lake County's economy included Administrative & Waste Services (up 24.7% from 2004), Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting (up 10.7%), and Construction (up 10.6%).²

¹U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

²Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program

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Swan Lake Chamber of Commerce
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Job Service Workforce Center

417-B Main Street
P. O. Box 970, Polson, MT 59860
Ph: (406) 883-7880, Fax: (406) 883-4564
www.jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/polson

Newspapers

Char-Koosta News
P. O. Box 98, Pablo, MT 59855
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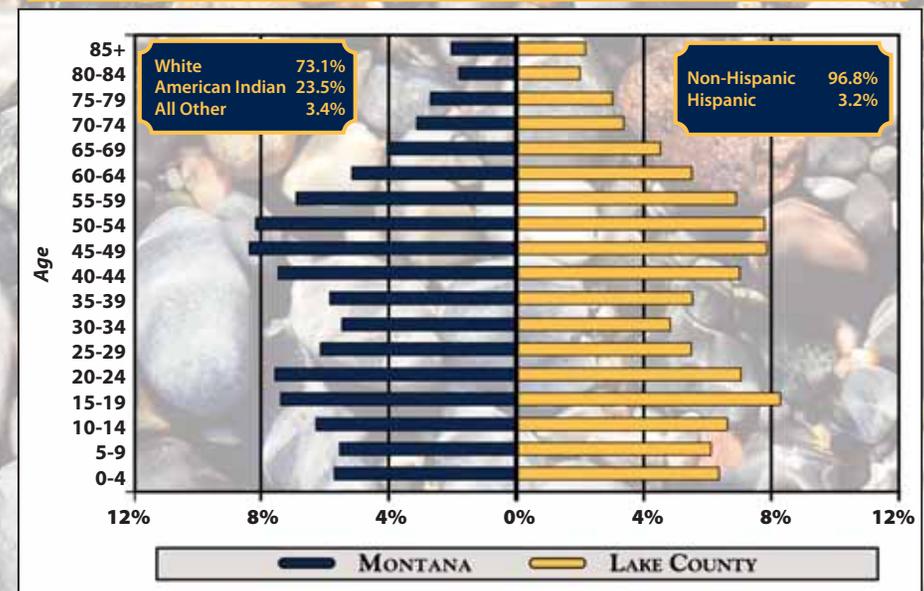
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Population for Lake County & Related Areas

Geography	Total Population					
	Census	Estimates				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Montana	902,195	906,098	910,395	917,885	926,920	935,670
Lake County	26,507	26,948	26,997	27,370	27,915	28,297
Polson	4,041	4,219	4,320	4,521	4,680	4,828
Ronan	1,812	1,864	1,888	1,905	1,948	1,968
St. Ignatius	788	797	793	799	812	823
Balance of Lake County	19,866	20,068	19,996	20,145	20,475	20,678

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Lake County, 2005



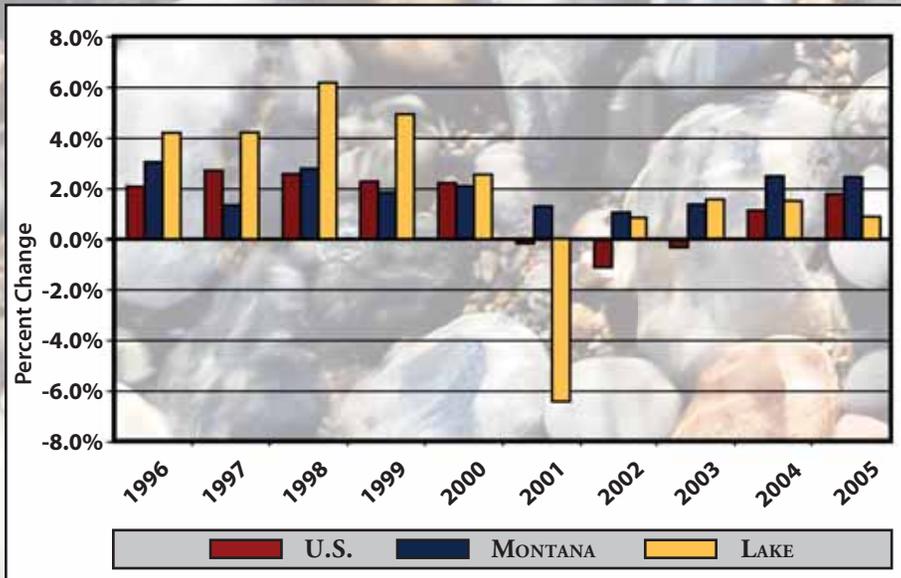
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Lake County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	15.8%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	31.8%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	24.3%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	6.0%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	15.6%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	4.1%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.6%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005 U.S., Montana, and Lake County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 15 Private Employers in Lake County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2006 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Best Western KwaTaqNuk	6	S & K Electronics	6
Community Bank	5	St. Joseph Hospital	6
Home Caregivers Inc	5	St. Luke Community Hospital	6
Jore Corporation	6	Safeway	5
McDonald's of Polson & Ronan	5	Super 1 Foods	5
Mission Mountain Enterprises	6	Tamsco Mfg.	5
Mission Valley Power	5	Wal-Mart	6
Plum Creek Mfg.	6		

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Lake County

Farms

Farms: (number)	1,185
Land in farms (acres)	601,544
Average size of farms (acres)	508
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	1,110
1,000 acres or more	75
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	1,095
\$100,000 or more	90
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	1,121
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	64

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	45,258
Hogs and pigs	198
Sheep and lambs	1,743
Horses and ponies	4,499
Bison	556
Chickens (layers and broilers)	1,336
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	320
Corn for silage or greenchop	575
Wheat for grain, All	10,847
Winter wheat for grain	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	(D)
Spring wheat for grain	7,529
Barley for grain	2,562
Oats for grain	1,019
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, haylage, grass silage	59,000

Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	650
Other	535
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	1,059
Not on farm operated	126
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	391
10 years or more	794
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	557
55 years and over	628
Average age of operators: (number)	56.0

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 (D) - Not Disclosable

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2005 - Lake County

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	890	8,358	\$25,816
TOTAL PRIVATE	833	5,805	\$23,618
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	31	95	\$19,055
Crop production	14	52	\$14,155
Animal production	3	*	*
Forestry and logging	10	37	\$25,162
Agriculture & forestry support	5	*	*
MINING	4	29	\$37,320
Mining, except oil and gas	3	*	*
Support activities for mining	1	*	*
UTILITIES	7	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	151	492	\$26,009
Construction of buildings	51	171	\$27,938
Heavy and civil engineering construction	10	32	\$28,014
Specialty trade contractors	90	289	\$24,640
MANUFACTURING	41	760	\$29,652
Food manufacturing	6	38	\$22,116
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	3	9	\$11,087
Textile product mills	1	*	*
Apparel manufacturing	2	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	8	197	\$33,365
Printing and related support activities	2	*	*
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	2	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	2	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	2	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	1	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	3	12	\$20,851
Furniture and related product mfg	4	24	\$22,075
Miscellaneous manufacturing	4	12	\$23,456
WHOLESALE TRADE	25	113	\$21,734
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	13	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	9	60	\$21,012
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	4	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	121	1,206	\$20,523
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	16	210	\$27,100
Furniture and home furnishings stores	5	20	\$27,028
Electronics and appliance stores	6	41	\$43,313
Building material & garden supply stores	16	149	\$21,363
Food and beverage stores	16	281	\$18,788
Health and personal care stores	7	80	\$23,623
Gasoline stations	18	169	\$13,317
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	4	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	4	22	\$16,065
General merchandise stores	5	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	20	50	\$8,347
Nonstore retailers	5	12	\$27,214

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	23	40	\$19,202
Air transportation	1	*	*
Truck transportation	14	20	\$26,947
Transit and ground passenger transport	3	12	\$9,115
Support activities for transportation	2	*	*
Postal service	1	*	*
Couriers and messengers	2	*	*
INFORMATION	14	147	\$52,746
Publishing industries, except Internet	5	17	\$23,584
Motion picture, sound recording industry	3	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	4	*	*
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	1	*	*
Other information services	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	33	241	\$29,865
Credit intermediation & related activity	18	206	\$30,870
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	3	5	\$30,036
Insurance carriers & related activities	12	31	\$23,086
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	44	75	\$20,849
Real estate	38	53	\$19,659
Rental and leasing services	6	22	\$23,709
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	55	190	\$31,594
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	2	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	31	101	\$19,767
Administrative and support services	23	81	\$19,712
Waste management and remediation service	8	19	\$19,996
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	7	21	\$24,991
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	76	1,035	\$26,227
Ambulatory health care services	33	217	\$39,873
Hospitals	2	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	12	*	*
Social assistance	30	260	\$12,805
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	18	80	\$14,250
Performing arts and spectator sports	4	7	\$17,935
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	14	73	\$13,874
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	78	859	\$10,106
Accommodation	12	164	\$11,443
Food services and drinking places	66	695	\$9,791
OTHER SERVICES	73	221	\$16,101
Repair and maintenance	22	66	\$20,274
Personal and laundry services	12	29	\$13,905
Membership associations & organizations	25	104	\$12,790
Private households	14	23	\$21,984
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	57	2,553	\$30,812
Local Government	18	2,324	\$30,223
State Government	17	110	\$32,642
Federal Government	22	119	\$40,638

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
 * Data Not Disclosable

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.
 (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)